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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Supplemental Amendment After Final Rejection relating to the above-identified patent application.

There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the Amendment. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. These amendments are in addition to the amendments submitted on June 1, 2004. Applicants submitted a Notice of Appeal on August 4, 2004 (that was received on Aug. 9, 2004) and are concurrently submitting herewith a one-month extension of time and a request to withdraw the Appeal.